



**AGENDA**  
**San Joaquin Valley Regional Forum**  
**California Regional Economies Project**

**February 26, 2004**  
**Grand Occasions Banquets and Catering**  
**4584 W. Jacquelyn Avenue**  
**Fresno, California**

- 10:00      Welcome, Introductions, and Purpose of Forum
- Alice Saviez, Chair, Fresno County Workforce Investment Board*
- John Lehn, President and CEO of Kings County Economic Development Corporation*
- Jim Crettol, Member, California Workforce Investment Board and Kern/Inyo/Mono Workforce Investment Board*
- Ed Kawahara, Special Assistant to the Undersecretary, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency*
- 10:30      Regional Economy Report: Presentation and Discussion
- Jim King, California Regional Economies Project*
- 11:15      Regional Clusters of Opportunity: Presentation and Methodology
- Doug Henton, Collaborative Economics*
- 12:00      Lunch Break

12:30 Panel of Employers, facilitated by Doug Henton

- Tim Curley, Regional Vice President, Hospital Council of Northern California
- Doug Whipple, Carpenters Union, No 701, Fresno
- Steve Windle, Vice President, Ruiz Food Products
- Barry Hibbard, Director of Real Estate and Marketing, Tejon Ranch
- Claude Laval, Laval Corporation (Water Technology Cluster)
- Jennifer Montana, Consultant to Fresno CRI (Innovation)

1:15 Regional Priorities

*Participants write down reasons for choosing particular cluster(s) for further profiling, ideas are posted and summarized, with group discussion of results*

1:55 Wrap Up and Next Steps

*Ed Kawahara, Special Assistant to the Undersecretary, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency*

2:00 Adjourn